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I would hope that the democratic candidates would stop fighting one another in these state primaries and start tackling the Republican record. There is enough there to keep all democratic candidates fully, individually and happily occupied for the next few months and, in that way, they can also invalidate the charge of "ganging up" on one another.

There is a Republican record that needs a public airing. In the light of that record, for Democrats to attack one another on the basis of their splendid individual records is the height of folly as far as the Democratic party is concerned. And further, it ought to be emphasized that in these primary contests, in accord with the Constitution, the question of religion, just as geographic origins of candidates, has no legitimate place in a political campaign--primary or general--where candidates should be judged on the basis of their ability, record and platforms.

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Let the prejudiced--sectional or religious--defend their  
prejudice. The unprejudiced do not have to discuss their lack of it.